

ward districts; and giving the State Board of Education power to establish rules and regulations for the organization of such country schools, and otherwise carrying out the intentions of this act; and defining the powers of the State Board of Education; and providing for assistants to the State Superintendent to be known as 'rural school supervisors'; and providing for reports to be made to the State Board of Education; and providing for the manner of payment and disbursement of all money granted under the provisions of this act; and providing said schools can accept the benefits of this act without waiving the benefits and privileges of other laws; and providing certain funds for the payment of rural school supervisors and their traveling expenses; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 5:27 o'clock p. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

#### FORTY-FOURTH DAY.

(Saturday, March 10, 1917.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called, and the following members were present:

Bagby.	Davis of Dallas.
Baker.	Davis of Grimes.
Beard of Harris.	Davis
Beasley.	of Van Zandt.
Beason.	De Bogory.
Bedell.	Denton.
Bertram.	Dodd.
Blackburn.	Dudley.
Blackmon.	Dunnam.
Blalock.	Estes.
Bland.	Fairchild.
Bledsoe.	Fisher.
Boner.	Florer.
Brown.	Fly.
Bryan.	Haidusek.
Bryant.	Hardey.
Burton of Rusk.	Harris.
Butler.	Hartman.
Cadenhead.	Hawkins.
Canales.	Hill.
Carlock.	Holland.
Cates.	Hudspeth.
Clark.	Johnson.
Cope.	Jones.
Cox.	Laas.
Crudgington.	Lacey.

Laney.	Sentell.
Lange.	Schlesinger.
Lanier.	Scholl.
Lee.	Seawright.
Lindemann.	Sholars.
Lowe	Smith of Bastrop.
of McMullen.	Smith of Hopkins.
Low	Smith of Scurry.
of Washington.	Spencer of Nolan.
McComb.	Spencer of Wise.
McDowra.	Spradley.
McFarland.	Stewart.
McMillin.	Swope.
Martin.	Taylor.
Meador.	Templeton.
Mendell.	Terrell.
Metcalf.	Thomas.
Miller of Austin.	Thomason
Miller of Dallas.	of El Paso.
Moore.	Thompson
Morris.	of Hunt.
Murrell.	Thompson
Neill.	of Red River.
Nichols.	Tillotson.
Nordhaus.	Tilson.
O'Banion.	Tinner.
O'Brien.	Trayler.
Osborne.	Tschoepe.
Parks.	Valentine.
Peddy.	Veatch.
Peyton.	Walker.
Pillow.	White.
Poage.	Williams
Pope.	of Brazoria.
Raiden.	Williams
Reeves.	of McLennan.
Richards.	Williford.
Roemer.	Wilson.
Rogers.	Woods.
Russell.	Woodul.
Sackett.	Yantis.
Sallas.	

Absent.

Greenwood.	Robertson.
Monday.	

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Milam.	Schlosshan.
Bell.	Strayhorn.
Burton of Tarrant.	Thomason
Fitzpatrick.	of Nacogdoches.
McCoy.	Upchurch.
Neeley.	Wahrmund.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain, as follows:

Our heavenly Father, we trust that we are grateful to Thee for Thy manifold blessings. Our lives have been precious in Thy sight. We are in this presence prepared in a measure to perform the duties of the day. Thou hast written that man shall be a willing subject in

the day of Thy power. Give us Thy gracious power, we pray Thee, this day, that legislative enactments may be of a high order and for the general good. We ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Beard of Milam, for today, on motion of Mr. Burton of Rusk.

Mr. Schlosshan, for today, on motion of Mr. Bedell.

Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches, for yesterday and today, on motion of Mr. Terrell.

Mr. Neeley, for today, on motion of Mr. Poage.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, for today, on motion of Mr. McMillin.

Mr. Monday, for today, on motion of Mr. Fisher.

Mr. McCoy was granted leave of absence indefinitely, on account of sickness, on motion of Mr. McDowra.

#### HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. McFarland:

H. B. No. 833, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7961, Chapter 15, Title 126, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, relating to the fees of district clerks in delinquent tax suits."

Referred to Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

By Mr. Cates:

H. B. No. 834, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Bertram Independent School District in Burnet county, Texas, including the present Bertram Independent School District, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Williams of McLennan:

H. B. No. 835, A bill to be entitled "An Act to shorten the road to Tipperary and pave it."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Taylor:

H. B. No. 836, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 10, Chapter 76, Local and Special Laws passed by

the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, being an act to amend Section 10 of Chapter 79, General Laws passed by the Twenty-seventh Legislature, which said chapter was also amended by Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Texas, creating a more efficient road system for Brown county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. Parks:

H. B. No. 837, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation of the sum of twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the contingent expenses of the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas, providing how accounts may be approved, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. Fuller:

H. B. No. 838, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Sheppard Independent School District in San Jacinto county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 287, to the Committee on Insurance.

S. B. No. 267, to the Committee on State Affairs.

#### BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Yantis, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 359 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Scurry, it was ordered that Senate bills Nos. 469 and 384 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Hartman, it was ordered that House bill No. 826 be not printed.

#### VOTE ON HOUSE BILL NO. 502 RE-CONSIDERED.

On motion of Mr. Lange, by unanimous consent, the House reconsidered the vote by which the conference committee report on House bill No. 502 was adopted on yesterday.

MOTION TO INSTRUCT CONFEREES  
WITHDRAWN.

The Speaker laid before the House, as postponed business, for consideration at this time, the motion of Mr. Blalock to instruct the conference committee on the part of the House on House bill No. 21.

Mr. Blalock then withdrew the motion.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
ON HOUSE BILL NO. 21.

Mr. Carlock called up from the Speaker's table, for consideration at this time, the following report of the conference committee on House bill No. 21:

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 8, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives, and Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sirs: We, your Conference Committee on House bill No. 21, beg leave to report that we have met and adjusted the differences between the House and Senate in respect to said bill, and recommend to the House and Senate the adoption of the following report, to wit:

Amend the bill by striking out Section 1, and insert in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. That from and after the passage of this act, the judges of the Supreme Court and the judges of the Court of Criminal Appeals of this State shall each be paid an annual salary of six thousand (\$6000) dollars, payable in equal monthly installments. That the judges of the several Courts of Civil Appeals of this State shall each be paid an annual salary of forty-five hundred (\$4500) dollars payable in equal monthly installments. That the judges of the district courts of this State shall each be paid an annual salary of thirty-six hundred (\$3600) dollars payable in equal monthly installments. Provided, that district judges in counties having a population of one hundred thousand or more and containing a city of seventy thousand population or more, as shown by the United States census of 1910, which judges are also acting as members of a juvenile board, shall not receive from all sources a salary of more than forty-five hundred (\$4500) dollars per year.

Amend the bill by striking out all

before the enacting clause and insert in lieu thereof the following:

A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the salaries of judges of the Supreme Court and the Court of Criminal Appeals and the judges of the Courts of Civil Appeals and of the district courts of this State, and providing for maximum salaries for judges of district courts acting as members of a juvenile board in certain counties, and declaring an emergency."

LATTIMORE,  
JOHNSTON of Harris,  
HUDSPETH,  
BEE,  
BAILEY.

On the part of the Senate.

CARLOCK,  
WILLIAMS,  
BLEDSON,  
MILLER of Dallas,  
ROBERTSON.

On the part of the House.

Question—Shall the report be adopted?

(Mr. Mendell in the chair.)

Mr. Bagby moved the previous question on the report, and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on the adoption of the report, yeas and nays were demanded.

The report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—61.

Bagby.	Low
Beard of Harris.	of Washington.
Blackburn.	McFarland.
Bledsoe.	McMillin.
Brown.	Martin.
Bryan.	Mendell.
Bryant.	Metcalfe.
Canales.	Miller of Austin.
Carlock.	Miller of Dallas.
Cox.	Moore.
Davis of Grimes.	Morris.
De Bogory.	Nichols.
Denton.	Nordhaus.
Dudley.	O'Brien.
Dunnam.	Parks.
Estes.	Poage.
Florer.	Richards.
Fly.	Roemer.
Haidusek.	Sackett.
Hardey.	Schlesinger.
Hartman.	Scholl.
Hill.	Sholars.
Holland.	Smith of Scurry.
Jones.	Spencer of Nolan.
Laney.	Spencer of Wise.
Lowe	Spradley.
of McMullen.	Strayhorn.

Thomas.	White.
Thomason	Williams
of El Paso.	of Brazoria.
Thompson	Williams
of Hunt.	of McLennan.
Tillotson.	Woodul.
Valentine.	

Nays—53.

Baker.	Murrell.
Beasley.	Neill.
Bedell.	Peyton.
Bertram.	Raiden.
Blackmon.	Reeves.
Boner.	Rogers.
Burton of Rusk.	Russell.
Butler.	Sallas.
Cadenhead.	Sentell.
Clark.	Seawright.
Cope.	Smith of Bastrop.
Crudgington.	Smith of Hopkins.
Davis of Dallas.	Stewart.
Davis	Taylor.
of Van Zandt.	Templeton.
Dodd.	Terrell.
Fairchild.	Thompson
Hawkins.	of Red River.
Hudspeth.	Tilson.
Johnson.	Tinner.
Laas.	Trayler.
Lacey.	Tschoepe.
Lange.	Veatch.
Lanier.	Williford.
Lee.	Wilson.
McComb.	Woods.
McDowra.	Yantis.
Meador.	

Present—Not Voting.

Lindemann.

Absent.

Bland.	Harris.
Cates.	Pillow.
Fisher.	Walker.
Greenwood.	

Absent—Excused.

Beard of Milam.	Swope.
Bell.	Thomason
McCoy.	of Nacogdoches.
Pope.	Upchurch.
Schlosshan.	Wahrmund.

Paired.

Mr. Blalock (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Neeley (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Peddy (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Burton of Tarrant (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Osborne (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Robertson (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. O'Banion (present), who would

vote "nay," with Mr. Fitzpatrick (absent), who would vote "yea."

Mr. Beason (present), who would vote "nay," with Mr. Monday (absent), who would vote "yea."

Reason for Vote.

I vote against the bill to increase the pay of the judges of the various courts because I believe this to be an inopportune time for this legislation, because there are so many demands made upon our State treasury, so many needs of vastly more importance than this.

BEASON.

Mr. Carlock moved to reconsider the vote by which the report was adopted, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed, in the presence of the House, after giving due notice thereof, and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

S. B. No. 433, "An Act to amend Section 6 of 6a of an act to reorganize the Twenty-eighth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to create a criminal district court for the counties of Nueces, Kleberg, Willacy and Cameron, being known as Senate bill No. 330, passed by the Thirty-fifth Legislature and approved February 26, 1917, and to conform all writs and processes from such courts to such changes, including recognizances and bonds, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 174, "An Act to validate, ratify and confirm the title to the south league of a two-league grant to Jose Antonio Sepulveda in Trinity county, abandoning all claims of the State of Texas to said land, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 385, "An Act to create a more efficient road law for Jim Wells county, Texas; fixing the compensation of the commissioners of Jim Wells county when acting as ex-officio road commissioners, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 436, "An Act to reorganize the Twentieth Judicial District of Texas and to create the Eighty-third Judicial District of Texas, to fix the time of holding court in said districts and to provide for organizing grand juries at certain terms in said courts, etc., to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 424, "An Act to amend Chapter 69 of the Special Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Leg-

islature, and approved by the Governor on March 23, 1911, being an act entitled 'An Act incorporating the Winnsboro Independent School District in Wood and Franklin counties, defining its boundaries and providing a board of trustees, etc.'

S. B. No. 311, "An Act authorizing the county commissioners court of Grayson county, Texas, to appropriate money for the purpose of using additional farm demonstration agents and for a canning club demonstration agent."

S. B. No. 406, "An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 6 of the Special Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, 1915, being an act entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Wood county, etc.,' and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 271, "An Act to validate the incorporation of the city of Texas City, and to declare valid all acts pertaining to the incorporation of said city, and to declare valid and binding each and every of the official acts of the mayor and city commissioners sitting as a board of commissioners, since the incorporation of said city of Texas City."

S. B. No. 336, "An Act to increase the authority and duties of the commissioners court of Nueces county, Texas, and of the county commissioners of said county, to require said county commissioners to devote their time and attention to the affairs of said county, and to fix the salary for the members of said commissioners court, and repealing all laws, general and special, in conflict with the provisions of this act, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 304, "An Act creating the Turkey Independent School District in Hall county, Texas; providing for a board of trustees and conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all rights, powers and privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of the State upon independent school districts and the board of trustees; to provide for the election of trustees; for the raising of revenue, issuing bonds, building and maintaining school houses, maintaining public free schools, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 352, "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 75, Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature, of 1907, being an act to authorize, enable and permit the territory within the boundaries of the town of Estelline, in Hall county, Texas, and other lands and territory adjacent thereto to incor-

porate as independent school district for free school purposes only, etc."

S. B. No. 182, "An Act to further regulate the organization, supervision and control of State banks and bank and trust companies incorporated under the general banking laws of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

#### NOTICE GIVEN.

Mr. Sentell gave notice that he would on next Monday, March 12, call up for consideration the motion to reconsider the vote by which the House on Thursday, March 8, refused to pass Senate bill No. 18 to a third reading.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 109 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Miller of Dallas, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 109, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2811, Chapter 14, Title 48, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, empowering the trustees of any school district upon petition of parents or guardians, to require said trustees to establish and maintain free kindergarten for the training of children between the ages of five and seven years, and to provide for trained kindergarten teachers."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time, and was passed.

Mr. Miller of Dallas moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 451 ON ENGROSSMENT.

(Unfinished Business.)

The Speaker laid before the House, as unfinished business, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 451, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the purchase of a site for, and for the establishment, location and construction of, an asylum in South Texas for the care, treatment and support of negro insane persons, and to make an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

With amendments by Mr. Terrell, striking out all after the enacting clause and all before the enacting clause and substituting the text of a new bill and a new caption, pending.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Raiden offered the following amendment to the amendment (1):

Amend by striking out "two hundred thousand (\$200,000)" and insert in lieu thereof "one hundred and fifty (\$150,000)."

The amendment to the amendment (1) was lost.

Question recurring on the amendments by Mr. Terrell, they were adopted.

House bill No. 451 was then passed to engrossment.

Mr. Terrell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to engrossment, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has adopted the Free Conference Committee report on House bill No. 502.

The Senate has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 201, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 6756, 6762 and 6763, Title 116, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, of the State of Texas, relating to the compensation and allowances of the ranger force, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 469, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Kent county, Texas; defining the powers and duties of the commissioners court of said county in adopting such system, and providing for the condemnation of lands for the opening, changing, widening, ditching, making embankments or fills or draining water away from the public roads in said county; providing for raising or lowering grades, changing or discontinuing of public roads in said county; providing that the commissioners of said county be ex-officio road commissioners, defining their powers and duties and providing for their compensation, etc., and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 397, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment, maintenance and government of a State normal college, to be located at Alpine in Brewster county, Texas; to be known as the 'Alpine State Normal College,' and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 387, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Criminal District

Court of Galveston county and defining the jurisdiction thereof, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 461, A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Plainview, Hale county, Texas, and to grant it a charter; to define its powers and prescribe its territorial limits, duties and liabilities, repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 725, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 14 of the Stephens county road law as enacted by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, increasing the pay of each county commissioner from two to three dollars a day, or to an amount not exceeding one hundred and thirty-five dollars per quarter when acting as road commissioner, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 450, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend subdivision 2, Article 7355, Chapter 1, Title 126, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas for 1911, levying an occupation tax upon traveling venders of patent medicines."

Respectfully,  
JOHN D. McCALL,  
Secretary of the Senate.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills, received from the Senate today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 201, to Committee on Military Affairs.

S. B. No. 387, to Committee on Judicial Districts.

S. B. No. 469, to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

S. B. No. 397, to Committee on Education.

S. B. No. 461, to Committee on Municipal Corporations.

#### RELATIVE TO REVISION OF AD VALOREM TAX LAWS.

The Speaker laid before the House, as postponed business, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 15, Providing for the appointment of a committee to draft a bill embodying a complete revision of the statutes of this State relating to ad valorem taxation, together with such amendments, changes and additions as will provide an efficient law upon the

subject, and providing a more efficient system for collection of delinquent taxes; providing a method to prevent double renditions of property and a more efficient system of bookkeeping for tax collectors, assessors and Comptroller; providing for the employment of an assistant and stenographer; authorizing the payment of salaries from the contingent expense fund of the House and Senate.

Whereas, The acts of the Legislature, the various amendments thereto and the codification thereof dealing with the subject of ad valorem taxation have brought about such confusion therein as to make manifest the necessity for a complete revision thereof, and the enactment of comprehensive legislation covering the subject; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, House of Representatives concurring:

Section 1. That a committee of five members of the Thirty-fifth Legislature be appointed, two by the President of the Senate from members of the Senate and three by the Speaker of the House from members of the House, which said committee shall prepare and report to the Thirty-sixth Legislature for passage a bill embodying a complete revision of the statutes of this State relating to ad valorem taxation, together with such amendments, changes and additions as will provide a comprehensive and efficient law for the rendition, assessment and collection of such taxes; providing a more efficient system for collection of delinquent taxes; providing a method to prevent double renditions of property and a more efficient system of bookkeeping for tax collectors, assessors and Comptroller.

Sec. 2. That the members of said committee be allowed the sum of five dollars per day each for not exceeding six months, and said committee may appoint one competent stenographer to be paid at the rate of five dollars per day for not exceeding six months. Such committee may also call to its assistance an expert in tax matters, who shall receive a salary of ten dollars per day for such time as the committee may determine, not to exceed six months, all of which sums shall be paid equally from the contingent expense funds of the Senate and House. Members of the committee shall also receive, to be paid in like manner, their actual necessary traveling expenses from their

homes to their place of meeting and return.

Sec. 3. Such committee shall meet in the Capitol of the city of Austin, at such time as may be agreed upon, not later than the first day of August, 1917, and shall proceed with the work herein indicated with due diligence and dispatch until the same is complete.

The resolution having heretofore been read second time.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 381 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Neill, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 381, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 735, Chapter 4, Title 12, of the Revised Criminal Statutes of 1911 of the State of Texas, relating to standards of feed-stuffs, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 831 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Bagby, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

H. B. No. 831, A bill to be entitled "An Act setting aside the building now occupied and used as a General Land Office and located in Austin, Travis county, Texas, in order that the Daughters of the Republic and the Texas Division of the Daughters of the Confederacy might accumulate the mementos and relics, and preserve and perpetuate the history and traditions of the Southland of our commonwealth; providing how said building shall be used by the respective parties; making an appropriation for the repairing and remodeling of said building, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

Mr. Bagby moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to

engrossment, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 754 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 754, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2814 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, so as to confer upon the State Superintendent of Public Instruction the authority, upon satisfactory evidence being presented, to reinstate a teacher's certificate theretofore canceled by him and giving right of appeal to State Board of Education."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time, and was passed to engrossment.

Mr. Fairchild moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to engrossment, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 357 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Dudley, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 357, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 173 of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, approved April 9, 1913, relating to the prospect for and the development of the minerals and other substances, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Dudley moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 460 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Florer, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 460, A bill to be entitled

"An Act providing that in all incorporated cities and towns of this State having a population of fifty thousand inhabitants or more, according to the last United States census, and which maintain a regular police department, the patrolmen thereof, or those performing duties ordinarily performed by patrolmen shall be required to serve on actual duty as patrolmen not longer than eight hours in every twenty-four hours; providing that in case of riot or other emergency such patrolmen shall perform such duty and for such time as the directing authority of the department shall require, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

Mr. Florer moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to engrossment, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 368 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. O'Brien, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 368, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6096, Chapter 1, Title 101, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, pertaining to partitions and authorizing the partition of any real estate, or of any interest therein, or of any mineral, coal, petroleum, or gas lands, whether held in fee or by lease or otherwise, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 351 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Beard of Harris, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 351, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that the history of the State of Texas shall be used in the history course of all public schools in Texas; giving the State Superintendent of Public Instruction certain powers in regard thereto, and providing a penalty for violation of this act."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House; it was read third time and was passed.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 117 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Davis of Dallas, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

H. B. No. 117, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 1, Title 40, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, providing for the time and place of holding of elections, by adding thereto Article 2919a, providing that in all instances where practicable, all elections shall be held in some school house, fire station or other public building within the limits of the election precinct without charge therefor, except for actual additional expenses, and authorizing such use of public buildings, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 52 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Tilson, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage.

H. B. No. 52, A bill to be entitled "An Act to exempt from taxation all buffalo and cattle now in captivity in Texas, by whomsoever owned, where such animals are kept and used for experimental purposes in crossing same with cattle for the purpose of producing a better strain of beef, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time and was passed.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 526 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Veatch, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

H. B. No. 526, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1460, Chapter 2, Title 29, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, and amended by the Thirty-fourth Legislature, page 203, providing for the appointment and com-

pensation of county auditors in counties having a population of forty thousand inhabitants, according to the last United States census, or having a tax valuation of eighteen million dollars, according to the last approved tax rolls; also, to add Article 1460a, providing that county auditors may be appointed in counties having a less population than forty thousand inhabitants, or having a tax valuation of less than eighteen million dollars; also, to amend Article 1461, Chapter 2, Title 29, of the Revised Civil Statutes as amended by the Thirty-fourth Legislature, page 182, relating to the appointment of county auditors; also, to amend Article 1462, Chapter 2, Title 29, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, defining the qualifications of county auditors."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

Mr. Veatch offered the following (committee) amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend House bill No. 526 by adding thereto Section 5, to read as follows:

"Sec. 5. That Article 1467a be added to read as follows:

"Article 1467a. It shall be the duty of the auditor to install in his office a school ledger and keep in this ledger an accurate account of all funds received and all funds disbursed by the common school districts of his county. He shall also install in his office a bond register showing all the school bonds issued by the common schools of his county, the rate of interest they bear, the date they were issued, and the date they are to be paid, and he shall also keep an interest and sinking fund account of school bonds of each common school district of his county."

(2)

Amend House bill No. 526 by adding thereto Section 6, to read as follows:

"Sec. 6. That Article 1468 be added to read as follows:

"Article 1468. Access to and right to examine accounts, orders of commissioners courts, all vouchers given by trustees of common school districts. He shall have continual access to and shall examine all the books, accounts, reports, vouchers and other records of any of the officers, the orders of the commissioners court relating to finances of the county and also to examine vouchers given by the trustees of all common

school districts of the county and to inquire into the correctness of same."

The (committee) amendments were adopted.

Mr. Veatch offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 526, making the caption conform to the bill as amended, by adding after the word "auditors" in line 21, page 1, the following: also by adding thereto Article 1467a, providing that county auditors shall keep an accurate account of all funds received and disbursed by common school districts, and to amend Article 1468, giving such county auditors access to and right to examine vouchers of common school districts and by adding at the end of the caption, "and declaring an emergency."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Veatch offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 526, page 1, Section 1, Article 1460, line 20, by striking out "may" and insert the word "shall" in lieu thereof.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Hardey offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 526, Article 1460, page 1, line 28, by striking out "eighteen million" and inserting "fifteen million."

The amendment was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bertram, further consideration of the bill was postponed until next Monday, March 12.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 319 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. O'Banion, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 319, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1974, Section 3, Chapter 59, page 113, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session, relating to special instructions by the court."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

Mr. O'Banion offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 319 by striking out all below the enacting clause and substituting therefor the following:

"Section 1. That Article 1974, Section 3, Chapter 59, page 113, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-third Legislature

at its Regular Session, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

"Article 1974. When a special instruction is requested and the provisions of this law have been complied with and the trial judge refuses the same, he shall endorse thereon: "Refused and exception allowed," and sign the same officially, and such charge when so endorsed shall constitute a bill of exceptions and it shall be conclusively presumed on appeal that the party asking said charge presented the same at the proper time and excepted to its refusal, and that all of the requirements of law have been observed, and the same shall entitle the party requesting such charge to have the action of the trial judge in refusing the same reviewed on appeal without preparing a formal bill of exceptions.

"If the trial judge modify such special charge he shall endorse on said charge: "Modified as follows: (stating in what particular he has modified the charge) and given, and exception allowed plaintiff (or defendant as the case may be)" and sign the same officially. Such charge when so endorsed shall constitute a bill of exceptions and it shall be conclusively presumed that the party asking said charge presented the same at the proper time, excepted to the modification thereof, and that all of the requirements of law have been observed, and the same shall entitle the party requesting such charge to have the action of the trial judge in modifying the same reviewed without preparing a formal bill of exceptions."

The amendment was adopted.

House bill No. 319 was then passed to engrossment.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 166 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Peddy, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 166, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the city council, board of commissioners or city manager of any city in this State to levy and collect a tax not to exceed five cents on each one hundred dollars assessed valuation of the city for one year for the purchase and improvement of lands for city parks, and providing the manner of acquiring lands for park purposes, and providing for the management and control of said city parks, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 498 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Butler, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 498, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment and maintenance of the State home for dependent and neglected children, to locate the same, and provide for its control and management, making appropriation for such purposes, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read third time.

Mr. Woods offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 498 by striking out the words beginning with the word "some" on line 12, page 1, and ending with and including the word "secured" on line 14, page 1, and inserting the following word in lieu thereof "at the State Orphan Home near the city of Corsicana, in Navarro county, Texas." Strike out all of Section 3 of said bill after the word "of" on line 33, page 1, where it first occurs, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "the board of trustees of the State Orphan Home." Strike out lines 10, 11 and the word "institution" on line 12, page 2, and insert in lieu thereof "the superintendent of the State Orphan Home shall be also superintendent of said Home." And strike out the words "said board" on line 14, page 2, and insert in lieu thereof the words "the board." Also amend by striking out the words "board of control" wherever they occur and insert in lieu thereof the words "board of trustees." And also strike out all of Section 12 and renumber the subsequent sections.

Question—Shall the amendment be adopted?

RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Holland the House, at 12:05 o'clock p. m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

#### EXTENDING INVITATION TO CONCHO'S MEXICAN BAND.

Mr. Dudley offered the following resolution:

Whereas, A large crowd of El Paso boosters traveling on a special train will pass through Austin Monday morning about 9 o'clock en route to the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show; and

Whereas, These aforesaid boosters will have accompanying them Concho's Mexican band of forty pieces; and

Whereas, Said band was for many years generally recognized as the finest band in the Republic of Mexico, being the official band for President Diaz; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this House extend to said El Paso boosters and their Mexican band a hearty and cordial invitation to stop in Austin long enough to play for this Legislature.

Signed—Dudley, Thomason of El Paso.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### RELATIVE TO CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON HOUSE BILL NO. 502.

Mr. Lange called up from the Speaker's table, for consideration at this time, the report of the conference committee on House bill No. 502.

Mr. Lange moved that the House do not adopt the report and that the conferees be requested to submit another conference committee report on the bill to the House and Senate.

The motion prevailed.

#### BILL—ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Parks, by unanimous consent, it was ordered that House bill No. 837 be not printed.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 498 ON FINAL PASSAGE.

The House resumed consideration of pending business, same being House bill No. 498, providing for the establishment of a home for dependent and neglected children, on its final passage, with amendment by Mr. Woods pending.

Mr. Dudley moved the previous question on the amendment and the passage of the bill, and the main question was ordered.

Question first recurring on the amendment, it was lost.

House bill No. 498 was then passed.

Mr. Butler moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

HOUSE BILL NO. 826 ON SECOND  
READING.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 826, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Pandora Independent School District in Wilson county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 829 ON SECOND  
READING.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 829, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of the special road laws of Cass county, Texas, enacted by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, 1913, which became effective March 5, 1913, same being 'An Act to create a more efficient road law for Cass county, making the county commissioners ex-officio road supervisors, defining their duties and fixing their salaries, providing for the appointment of a civil engineer and naming the salary of said civil engineer.'"

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 825 ON SECOND  
READING.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 825, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Alief Independent School District in Harris county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 820 ON SECOND  
READING.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 820, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a new road law for Bowie county."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 239 ON SECOND  
READING.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 239, A bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish the civil jurisdiction of the county court of Falls county, Texas; conferring said civil jurisdiction upon the district court of said county and conforming the jurisdiction of said district court to said change; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict or inconsistent herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

SENATE BILL NO. 471 ON SECOND  
READING.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 471, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Lelia Lake Independent School District of Donley county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

SENATE BILL NO. 465 ON SECOND  
READING.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 465, A bill to be entitled "An Act incorporating the Valley Mills Independent School District in Bosque and McLennan counties, Texas, for free school purposes only, and divesting the present Valley Mills Independent School District and its board of trustees of the control of its public free schools, and of the title to all school property therein, and vesting the same in the said Valley Mills Independent School District and its board of trustees, and prescribing the rights, powers, privileges and duties of said Valley Mills Independent School District and its board of trustees, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

HOUSE BILL NO. 768 ON THIRD  
READING.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 768, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the protection of live stock and other domestic animals from injury in Harrison county, and to prevent the unnecessary destruction of fox and other fur-bearing animals usually hunted for sport, and to prohibit the setting of any trap, snare or device for taking, snaring, trapping or catching of same, and to provide a punishment for so doing."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 577 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, as postponed business, on its passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 577, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent the introduction into and the dissemination in this State of insects pests and plant diseases injurious or harmful to plants and plant products, vesting the enforcement thereof in the Commissioner of Agriculture, and defining his powers and duties."

The bill having heretofore been read second time.

Mr. Bertram offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend House bill No. 577 by striking out all of Section 3 of the bill.

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Dudley moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendment was adopted.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

Question again recurring on the amendment, it was lost.

Mr. Bertram offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend the bill by striking out the enacting clause.

The amendment was lost.

House bill No. 577 then passed to engrossment.

Mr. Terrell moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to engrossment, and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am instructed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed the following:

H. B. No. 776, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 56 of the Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, which said act was 'An Act incorporating the Meridian Independent School District in Bosque county, Texas, for free school purposes only, etc., and declaring an emergency.'"

The Senate has adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 26, authorizing the Enrolling Clerk of the House to correct the caption of House bill No. 502.

The Senate adopts the Free Conference report on House bill No. 21.

The Senate concurs in House amendments to Senate bill No. 109.

The Senate reconsidered the vote adopting the Free Conference report on House bill No. 502, and asks that bill be sent back to free conference for further consideration.

Respectfully,

G. H. BOYNTON,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

#### AUTHORIZING CORRECTION IN HOUSE BILL NO. 502.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 26, Authorizing the Enrolling Clerk of the House to make correction in House bill No. 502.

Whereas, In the report of the Free Conference Committee on House bill No. 502 an amendment to the caption was overlooked; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, The House of Representatives concurring, that the Enrolling Clerk of the House be and he is hereby authorized and directed to insert in the caption of said bill, after the word "value," the following: "to claimants or" and after the second word, "employment," the words "or who practice law without license."

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time, and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Cope:

H. B. No. 839, A bill to be entitled "An Act increasing the civil jurisdiction

of the county court of Cottle county."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Sackett:

H. B. No. 840, A bill to be entitled "An Act to increase the limits of the Talpa Independent School District, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

# SENATE BILL NO. 359 ON SECOND READING.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 359, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the holding of an election to determine whether hogs, sheep or goats may run at large in the counties of Henderson and Anderson, of this State, during only those months of each year designated in the petition; providing that elections may be held therein, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 818 ON THIRD READING.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 818, A bill to be entitled "An Act to so amend Section 18, Chapter 15 of the Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, providing for a special road system for Ellis county, etc."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. Cox offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend House bill No. 818 by adding after the word "hands," the last word in the bill, the following: "But this provision shall in no way be construed so as to prevent such county commissioners from employing foremen to supervise any such work as they may at any time have under construction or to prevent them from employing foremen for such convict gangs as they may deem for the best interest of the public road work."

(2)

Amend by adding Section 2, emergency clause:

"Sec. 2. The fact that the county commissioners of Ellis county do not receive a salary commensurate with their duties and the near approach of the close of the present session of the Legislature, creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the rule requiring that bills be read on three several days be suspended, and said rule is hereby suspended."

The amendments were adopted.

House bill No. 818 was then passed.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 792 ON THIRD READING.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 792, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Karnes City Independent School District in Karnes county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

# SENATE BILL NO. 452 ON THIRD READING.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 452, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Henderson county, Texas."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 465 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Thompson of Red River, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 465, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the purchase of a site for, and for the establishment, location and construction of an asylum to be known as the Northwest Texas Insane Asylum for the care, treatment and support of white insane persons, and to make an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read third time.

Mr. Thompson of Red River offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend House bill No. 465, page 1, line 33, by inserting after the word "appoint" the following: "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate."

(2)

Amend House bill No. 465 by striking out Section 4 of said bill and renumbering the other sections to conform therewith.

Signed—Neeley, Thompson of Red River.

The amendments were severally adopted.

On motion of Mr. Blalock, further consideration of the bill was postponed until 10 o'clock a. m. next Monday, March 12.

#### VOTE ON SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15 RECONSIDERED.

Mr. Woods moved to reconsider the vote by which the House adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 15 on this morning.

The motion to reconsider prevailed.

Mr. Woods then moved that the Senate be requested to return the resolution to the House for further consideration.

The motion prevailed.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 167 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Blalock, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 167, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide whole family protection for members of fraternal benefit societies, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time, and was passed to a third reading.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 447 ON THIRD READING.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 447, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a special road law for Colorado county, Texas."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 694 ON THIRD READING.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 694, A bill to be entitled "An Act to aid the city of Corpus

Christi in elevating and raising a portion of said city and building a sea wall or breakwater so as to protect it from calamitous overflows, by donating to it the ad valorem taxes collected on property and from persons in Nueces county for a period of fifteen years, and to provide a penalty for their misapplication, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time and was passed.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 361 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Smith of Scurry, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 361, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 565 and 566, Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, to enable an indicted person to enter his plea of guilty and to proceed to serve his sentence when court is not in session in the particular county where venue would lie, and providing for the attendance of witnesses; fixing fees of the sheriff and witnesses, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 591 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Low of Washington, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 591, A bill to be entitled "An Act to transfer to the board of county school trustees all rights and powers pertaining to the public free schools that have heretofore been vested in the county commissioners court; and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Neill, further consideration of the bill was postponed until next Tuesday, March 13.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 720 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Mendell, by unanimous consent, the regular order of busi-

ness was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

H. B. No. 720. A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 5118, Title 75, Chapter 1. of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, of 1911, so as to exempt from jury service all persons employed as mail carriers on rural free delivery routes, established under and by virtue of the United States postal laws, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 257 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Seawright, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

H. B. No. 257, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the placing of short term male State convicts upon public roads; to define short term male convicts and rules governing them while employed upon the public highways; to give counties authority to secure State convicts through petition of the commissioners court to the Penitentiary Commission to recommend the placing of such convicts upon their honor as their merit will justify when such transfer is made from the State farms or the walls to public roads; making it mandatory for the commissioners court thus petitioning to provide railroad fare from penitentiary farms to point of destination; to provide for commutation of sentence for good behavior and service to such convicts as merit reward; giving the commissioners court authority to pay for transportation of convicts by warrants drawn upon the road and bridge funds of the county so petitioning; also authority to draw warrants upon road and bridge fund for maintenance of convicts for food, raiment and medical purposes."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 504 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Dudley, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

H. B. No. 504, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring every repair shop of whatsoever kind, or garage, within this State engaged in the repairing, rebuilding or repainting of automobiles of every description, or repair shops engaged in electrical work in connection with automobiles of every description, to keep a register containing a complete and accurate description of every car upon which work is performed; providing what the register shall contain and how it shall be kept; providing a punishment for failure to comply, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 14 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Sentell, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 14, A bill to be entitled "An Act to exempt from taxation all public securities issued after this act takes effect."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

Mr. Thomas offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 14 by striking out enacting clause.

On motion of Mr. Nordhaus, further consideration of the bill was postponed until next Wednesday, March 14.

#### BILL ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Tilson, by unanimous consent, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 461 be not printed.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 183 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Parks, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading.

S. B. No. 183, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the incorporation by those engaged in agricultural pursuits of farmers' co-operative societies; defining the character of their business, purpose and locality of such corporations, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

Mr. Parks offered the following (committee) amendments to the bill:

Amend Section 1 by adding at the end the following:

"Provided, persons not engaged in agricultural pursuits may be permitted to contribute an amount not in excess of one-third the outstanding working capital of the society."

Amend Section 2 by adding at the end the following:

"Provided, that corporations incorporated hereunder may join with other corporations incorporated under this act in establishing and maintaining joint agencies for the accomplishment of the purposes for which they are incorporated."

Amend Section 5 by adding at the end the following:

"And patronage of their members."

Amend Section 8 by striking out all after the words "the society shall return to the member at such time as may be fixed in its by-laws," and insert in lieu thereof the following: "An amount equal to the money value of the amount contributed by such member to the working capital of the society."

Amend Section 9 by striking out all after the words "in case of withdrawal" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "The society may return to the member an amount equal to the money value of the amount contributed by him to the working capital of the society."

Amend Section 10 by inserting after the words "debts and obligations of the corporation" the following: "And may provide in like manner that members may waive their right to claim personal property exempt from seizure for debt as against debts and obligations due to the society."

The (committee) amendments were adopted.

Senate bill No. 183 was then passed to a third reading.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 381 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Haidusek, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 381, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 6006, 6007 and 6010, Title 97, Revised Statutes of Texas, 1911, providing for a notarial seal, the disposition of same upon vacating office and what seal shall contain, administering oaths, taking acknowledg-

ments and giving certificates therefor, by notaries public."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, further consideration of the bill was postponed until next Tuesday, March 13.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 520 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Swope, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 520, A bill to be entitled "An Act giving to the owner of any real estate or interest therein sold under execution, order of sale, deed of trust, mortgage or other contract lien the right to the possession of the same for one year from the date of sale at any time to redeem the same at any time in one year from the date of sale, by paying to the purchaser the amount of the purchase money, paid, together with interest thereon and an additional five per cent; providing that property redeemed under the act shall not again be subject to levy or sale for the debt for which it was sold; providing that from the period of redemption allowed by this act shall be deducted a period equal to any extension of the debt; providing that the right of redemption shall not be waived; providing that the right of redemption shall for all purposes be treated and regarded as real estate, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Hartman, further consideration of the bill was postponed until next Tuesday, March 13.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 268 ON SECOND READING.

On motion of Mr. Blackmon, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 268, A bill to be entitled "An Act directing the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to require the county judges, county, city and town superintendents, county and city treasurers and depositories of school boards and other school officers and teachers certain reports relating to school funds and school affairs; pro-

viding that the State Superintendent shall furnish blanks for such purpose; providing a penalty for a failure on the part of such officers to make such reports within twenty days after required by the State Superintendent, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, and it was read second time.

Mr. Blackmon offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend Senate bill No. 268 by inserting after the word "imprisonment" at the end of Section 1 of said bill the words "and the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shall withhold warrants for further payment of State apportionment until the aforesaid officials have made satisfactory reports as herein directed."

The amendment was adopted.

Senate bill No. 268 was then passed to a third reading.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 595 ON THIRD READING.

On motion of Mr. Schlesinger, by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended, to take up and have placed on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 595, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing the duties of the district attorney and county attorney with reference to habeas corpus proceedings and examining trials in counties where there is not a resident criminal district attorney, and repealing Article 31, Title 1, Chapter 2, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The Speaker laid the bill before the House, it was read third time, and was passed.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 445 ON SECOND READING.

(By Unanimous Consent.)

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 445, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road law for Mason county, Texas, by amending Chapter 67 of the Special Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature, 1911, and to provide for the appointment of a superintendent of public roads and bridges for Mason county, and to provide his qualifications, term of office, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

#### ADJOURNMENT.

Mr. Hawkins moved that the House adjourn until 9:30 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

The motion prevailed, and the House accordingly, at 4 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. next Monday.

#### APPENDIX.

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Appropriations, to whom was referred House bill No. 837, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

PEYTON, Chairman.

##### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 397, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendments. Mr. Clark has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

JOHNSON, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Education, to whom was referred House bill No. 800, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendments. Mr. Boner has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

JOHNSON, Vice-Chairman.

##### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Constitu-

tional Amendments, to whom was referred Senate Joint Resolution No. 8, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendment. Mr. Lee has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

TERRELL, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Municipal Corporations, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 461, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

MENDELL, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, to whom was referred House bill No. 831, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

ROBERTSON, Vice-Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House bill No. 803, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with amendments. Mr. Hartman has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

DAVIS of Grimes, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads,

Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 469, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

LEE, Vice-Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STOCK AND STOCK RAISING.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Stock and Stock Raising, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 354, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Clark has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

NEILL, Vice-Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 8, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 793, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 9, Chapter 72, Laws of 1901, as amended by Chapter 119, Laws of 1913, entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Karnes county, Texas,' etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 282, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1121, Chapter 2, Title 25, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, relating to private corporations by adding thereto Section 77; providing for the building and operating dry docks and marine ways, repairing and constructing vessels and doing other repair and construction work in connection therewith."

H. B. No. 181, A bill to be entitled "An Act conferring certain powers upon the commissioners courts of the counties of this State and authorizing said courts, under such regulations as they may prescribe, to appropriate and use any sum or sums of money not exceeding two thousand five hundred dollars per year for farmers' co-operative demonstration work in their respective counties along the same lines as this work is or may be conducted by the

United States Department of Agriculture, and prescribing that they may conduct such work jointly in their respective counties with the agents and representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture upon such terms and conditions as may be agreed upon between the agents of the Department of Agriculture and the commissioners court."

H. B. No. 808, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Jasper county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 460, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that in all incorporated cities and towns of this State having a population of fifty thousand inhabitants or more, according to the last United States census, and which maintain a regular police department, the patrolmen thereof, or those performing duties ordinarily performed by patrolmen shall be required to serve on actual duty as patrolmen not longer than eight hours in every twenty-four hours; providing that in case of riot or other emergency such patrolmen shall perform such duty and for such time as the directing authority of the department shall require, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
RUSSELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 694, A bill to be entitled "An Act to aid the city of Corpus Christi in elevating and raising a portion of said city and building a sea wall or breakwater so as to protect it from calamitous overflows, by donating to it the ad valorem taxes collected on property and from persons in Nueces county for a period of fifteen years, and to provide a penalty for their misapplication, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 316, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7584, Title 126, Chapter 12, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 of Texas, prescribing how and out of what moneys tax assessors be paid, and providing that the assessor of taxes may be paid out of the first money collected from occupation or other taxes for the year."

H. B. No. 768, A bill to be entitled "An Act for the protection of live stock and other domestic animals from injury in Harrison county, and to prevent the unnecessary destruction of fox and other fur-bearing animals usually hunted for sport, and to prohibit the setting of any trap, snare or device for taking, snaring, trapping or catching of same, and to provide a punishment for so doing."

H. B. No. 117, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 1, Title 49, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, providing for the time and place of holding of elections, by adding thereto Article 2919a, providing that in all instances where practicable, all elections shall be held in some schoolhouse, fire station or other public building within the limits of the election precinct without charge therefor, except for actual additional expenses, and authorizing such use of public building, and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.

RUSSELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 372, A bill to be entitled "An Act conferring upon the State Revenue Agent power to require the lessees or users of any facility or thing furnished by any person, corporation, receiver, or association, in pursuing any occupation taxed by Chapter 2, Title 126, of the Revised Statutes, 1911, or any amendment or supplement or extension thereof, and to require any person, corporation, receiver, or association interested in, but not pursuing, any occupation so taxed, or interested in the subject of such occupation, to furnish information or sworn reports of information necessary to the enforcement of the payment of any tax levied under such laws, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 692, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 167, Title 10, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911 of the State of Texas, providing for the treatment at the expense of the State of all indigent persons afflicted with hydrophobia, and providing for the treatment at the expense of the patient of all non-indigent persons so afflicted,

and providing that the counties in which indigent persons so afflicted reside shall pay the expenses of such persons to and from Austin, as well as the necessary living expenses incurred by said persons while in Austin undergoing said treatment."

H. B. No. 681, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the city council, board of aldermen, or other governing body of any city or town in this State, whether operating under special charter or the general law, to appropriate at the end of each fiscal year, so much of the net revenues of any waterworks system or other public utility system, service or enterprise owned by said city or town as such body shall deem to the best interest of said city or town, to the payment of the sinking fund and interest on the bonded indebtedness of such system, service or enterprise; such sum so appropriated to be used for no other purpose; providing for the levy of a tax for raising such sinking fund and interest where such appropriation is insufficient as herein provided, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 755, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a special road law for Eastland county."

H. B. No. 785, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road law for Wilson county, Texas; fixing the compensation of the commissioners of Wilson county when acting as ex-officio road commissioners, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 795, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Goldthwaite Independent School District in Mills county, Texas, including the town of Goldthwaite, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 818, A bill to be entitled "An Act to so amend Section 18, Chapter 16, of the Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, providing for a special road system for Ellis county, etc."

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
DENTON, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 8, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 789, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish Common School District No. 10 in Dickens county,

Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 811, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Trinity county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 792, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Karnes City Independent School District in Karnes county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 822, A bill to be entitled "An Act incorporating and reorganizing the Sealy Independent School District in Austin county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
DENTON, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 10, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 72, "An Act to provide for the establishment, maintenance and government of two State normal colleges; providing for the location of same, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman:

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 10, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 35, "An Act to establish and create a criminal judicial district of Dallas county, Texas, and to fix the territorial limits of said criminal judicial district, and to designate the criminal district courts that have jurisdiction in said criminal judicial district of Dallas county; to provide for the election, qualification, powers and compensation and expense of office of the criminal district attorney for said district; to provide for the appointment of assistants to the criminal district attorney, and to provide for their powers, duties and methods of payment; and to provide for the present county attorney of Dallas county to assume the duties of and conduct the business of the criminal district attorney of Dallas county until

his successor shall be elected and qualified and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 630, "An Act to amend Sections 2, 8, 9, 12 and 40 of Chapter 148, Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, same being a special road law for Fayette county, Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 606, "An Act creating and incorporating the Wilmer Independent School District in Dallas county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 64, "An Act to amend Chapter sixty-eight (68) of the Thirty-second Legislature and Chapter one hundred and fifty-four (154) of the Thirty-third Legislature, and to provide that sand and other deposits taken for the raising of the grade of the salt flats in the northern part of Corpus Christi and the lowlands lying north of the north boundary line of the city of Corpus Christi in Nueces county, Texas, shall be exempt from the provisions of

said Chapter 68, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 673, "An Act creating the Skidmore Independent School District, known as Common School District No. 1, in Bee county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 542, "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 30, of the Special Laws of the Thirty-first Legislature, as amended by Special Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature, being 'An Act to create a road commission for Jones, Haskell and Taylor counties,'"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 10, 1917.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 31, "An Act creating the El Paso County Court at Law, to fix and prescribe the jurisdiction thereof, and to conform to such change in the jurisdiction of the county court of El Paso county, fixing the salaries of the judges of the county court of El Paso county and of the El Paso County Court at Law; providing for the appointment and election of the judges of said court hereby created; providing for the appointment of special judges and filling

of vacancies in said office, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Vice-Chairman.

#### FORTY-FIFTH DAY.

(Monday, March 12, 1917.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Baker.	Laas.
Beard of Harris.	Lacey.
Beard of Milam.	Laney.
Beasley.	Lange.
Beason.	Lanier.
Bedell.	Lee.
Bertram.	Low
Blackburn.	of Washington.
Blackmon.	McComb.
Blalock.	McDowra.
Bledsoe.	McFarland.
Boner.	McMillin.
Brown.	Martin.
Burton of Rusk.	Meador.
Burton of Tarrant.	Mendell.
Butler.	Metcalf.
Cadenhead.	Miller of Austin.
Canales.	Miller of Dallas.
Carlock.	Moore.
Clark.	Morris.
Cope.	Murrell.
Cox.	Neeley.
Davis of Dallas.	Neill.
Davis of Grimes.	Nichols.
Davis	Nordhaus.
of Van Zandt.	O'Banion.
De Bogory.	O'Brien.
Denton.	Osborne.
Dodd.	Parks.
Dudley.	Pillow.
Dunnam.	Poage.
Estes.	Raiden.
Fairchild.	Reeves.
Fisher.	Richards.
Florer.	Roemer.
Fly.	Rogers.
Haidusek.	Russell.
Hardey.	Sackett.
Harris.	Sallas.
Hartman.	Sentell.
Hawkins.	Schlesinger.
Hill.	Scholl.
Holland.	Seawright.
Hudspeth.	Sholars.
Johnson.	Smith of Hopkins.
Jones.	Smith of Scurry.

Spencer of Nolan.	Tilson.
Spencer of Wise.	Tinner.
Spradley.	Trayler.
Stewart.	Tschoepe.
Taylor.	Valentine.
Templeton.	Veatch.
Terrell.	Walker.
Thomas.	White.
Thomason	Williams
of El Paso.	of Brazoria.
Thomason	Williams
of Nacogdoches.	of McLennan.
Thompson	Williford.
of Hunt.	Wilson.
Thompson	Woods.
of Red River.	Woodul.
Tillotson.	Yantis.

Absent.

Bagby.	Peddy.
Bland.	Robertson.
Greenwood.	Swope.
Monday.	

Absent—Excused.

Bell.	McCoy.
Bryan.	Peyton.
Bryant.	Pope.
Cates.	Schlosshan.
Crudginton.	Smith of Bastrop.
Fitzpatrick.	Strayhorn.
Lindemann.	Upchurch.
Lowe	Wahrmund.
of McMullen.	

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Mitchell, Chaplain, as follows:

Our heavenly Father, trusting in no merit of our own, but in Thy loving kindness, we begin another week of legislative enactments. We realize that government is ordained of Thee. He who serves his State well serves both God and man. We pray that each enactment of this day may be approved of Thee. Bring blessings to our State and credit to the legislators, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following members were granted leaves of absence on account of important business:

Mr. Smith of Bastrop, for today, on motion of Mr. Yantis.

Mr. Fitzpatrick, for last Saturday and today, on motion of Mr. Cox.

Mr. Lowe of McMullen, for today, on motion of Mr. Hartman.

Mr. Peyton, for today, on motion of Mr. Cope.

Mr. Schlosshan, for today, on motion of Mr. Bedell.